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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ewald Duermeier et al.
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For : VENTILATION AND/OR PRESSURE-EQUALIZING
SYSTEM FOR A FUEL TANK
Art Unit : 3753
Examiner : Gerald A. Michalsky
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2004 (the two-month response date for which has been extended by two months from June 27, 2004 to August 27, 2004 by the accompanying Transmittal and Petition to Extend), in which the Examiner has stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters as to the drawings, and that prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11 (453 O.G. 213), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.